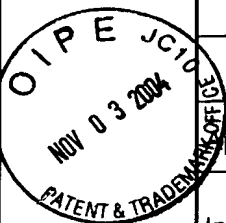


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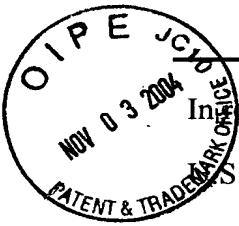
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed October 5, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider the rejection in light of the remarks set forth below.